(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

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(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Sinking down of ground water in Punjab

3009. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the level of ground water in Punjab is sinking down day by day due to extraction and lack of rains;

(b) whether the canal water provided for irrigation is sufficient to make up for the requirement; and

(c) if not, the alternative efforts being made to make water available to the farmers specially canal water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Seasonal variations and declining trend in ground water levels in certain areas of Punjab have been observed.

(b) There is no available study on this aspect.

(c) Certain measures like lining of canals, drip and sprinkler irrigation, conjunctive use of surface and ground water, artificial recharge of ground water, construction of low dams, change in cropping pattern. etc. have been initiated to improve the situation.

Setting up of water Yamuna River Water Board

3010. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has directed the Central Government to set up the Upper Yamuna River Water Board;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Central Government on such directive;

(c) whether the drinking water supply to Delhi would be increased by setting up of the said Board; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. The Supreme Court had directed the Central Government to set up the Upper Yamuna River Board before 15th March, 1995.

(b) The Central Government has constituted the Upper Yamuna River Board through a Resolution dated 11th March, 1995.

(c) and (d) The Board shall regulate the allocation of availabie flows in river Yamuna upto Okhla amongst the beneficiary States including National Capital Territory of Delhi within the overall framework of the Memorandum of Understanding dated 12-5-1994 between Uttar Pradesh, Haryana. Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and National Capital Territory of Delhi regarding allocation of surface flow of Yamuna.

Delhi has been allocated 1.119 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) Yamuna Waters annually based on mean year availability of 11.983 BCM assessed at Okhla. Pending construction of

the storages in the upper reaches of the river, Delhi has been allocated 0.580 BCM Yamuna water during July to October, 0.068 BCM during November to February and 0.076 BCM during March to June which will improve the existing water supply situation in Delhi.

Closure of Rashtriya Pariyojana Nirman Nigam Ltd.

3011. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of some units of Rashtriya Priyojana Nirman Nigam Ltd. have become unemployed due to its closure;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not transfering affected employees to other working units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The Rashtriya Pariyojana Nirman Nigam Ltd. is a Contracting Agency for execution of civil and structural works established under Companies Act, 1956 and its field units are opened/closed from time to time depending upon availability of works. The Nigam has not retrenched any of its employee during the last five years.

(c) They could not be transferred to other units mainly due to paucity of working fronts and cash crunch being faced by the Nigam.

Survey of Delhi's Ground Water

3012. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recent surrey has revealed Delhi's ground water network contaminated to alarming proportions;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the areas where ground water is found most contaminated; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) In a recent survey conducted by Central Pollution Control Board in some parts of Delhi, specially in the localities situated along Najafgarh Drain, it was revealed that the water drawn from shallow hand pumps and tubewells (upto a depth of 40 metres) was showing some what higher values in respect of certain pollution parameters in relation to the accepted standards for drinking water.

(c) (i) Efforts are made to supply water from deep bore tubewells and only after ascertaining that the water is fit for human consumption;

(ii) Water is chlorinated before it is supplied to public;

(iii) The Govenrment of National Capital Territory of Delhi and Municipal Corporation of Delhi have been advised to take steps to install proper disposal mechanisms for disposal of domestic solid and liquid wastes and the industrial effluents and also to take up the lining of Najafgarh Drain.